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## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims:

- 1. (Currently Amended) An appliance comprising:
- $\hbox{ (a) } \qquad \hbox{a converter capable of using a substantially carbon-free } \\ \hbox{hydrogen;}$
- (b) a hydrogen storage container including a nanostructured material capable of storing the substantially carbon-free hydrogen in a condensed state, the container including:
  - (i) a carbon-based nanostructured material and
- (ii) a metal capable of acting as both a seed for the formation of the nanostructured material and a facilitator for promoting the storage in the condensed state of the substantially carbon-free gaseous hydrogen provided to the storage container, the metal having a particle size less than about 100 nanometers;
- (c) a charger capable of facilitating the storage in the condensed state of a substantially carbon-free gaseous hydrogen provided to the storage container; and
- (d) a discharger for liberating the condensed substantially carbonfree hydrogen from the nanostructured material of the hydrogen storage container so as to be available for use in the converter.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 1, further including a controller for regulating the cooperation of the converter, the charger, and the discharger.
  - 3. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 1, further including an exhaust.

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- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 1, wherein the converter is for propulsion.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 4, wherein the propulsion converter is combustion-based.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 5, wherein the combustionbased propulsion converter is an internal combustion engine.
- 7. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 5, wherein the combustionbased propulsion converter is a turbine.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 4, wherein the propulsion converter is chemical-based.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 8, wherein the chemical-based propulsion converter is a fuel cell-based system.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 1, wherein the converter is a power generation system.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 10, wherein the power generation system is a combustion-based system.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 11, wherein the combustionbased system is a turbine.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 10, wherein the power generation system is a fuel cell-based system.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 13, wherein the fuel cellbased system is a hydrogen-oxygen electrical generator.
- 15. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 1, wherein the converter is a thermal management system.

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- 16. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 15, wherein the thermal management system is a heating system.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 16, wherein the heating system is a combustion-based system.
- 18. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 16, wherein the heating system is a hydrogen-oxygen electrical generator.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 15, wherein the thermal management system is a cooling system.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 1, further including a hydrogen gas supply communicating with the charger.
- 21. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 1, wherein the charger further includes a conditioner for facilitating hydrogen charging of the nanostructured material.
- $22. \ \, (Original) \ \, \text{The appliance according to Claim} \ \, 21, \text{wherein the conditioner is} \\ \text{a cooler.}$
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 21, wherein the conditioner is a pressurizer.
- 24. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 1, wherein the discharger includes a restoring mechanism capable of controllably releasing condensed hydrogen to provide gaseous hydrogen to the converter.
- 25. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 24, wherein the restoring mechanism includes a heating mechanism.
- 26. (Currently Amended) The appliance according to Claim 25, wherein the heating mechanism provinces-provides heat by any one of chemical heating, resistive

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heating, radio frequency heating, microwave heating, electrical heating, electromagnetic heating, and any combination thereof.

- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 24, wherein the restoring mechanism further includes a subcontroller.
- (Original) The appliance according to Claim 24, wherein the restoring mechanism further include at least one sensor.
- 29. (Original) The appliance according to Claim 28, wherein the at least one sensor includes any one of a temperature sensor, a pressure sensor, a partial pressure sensor, chemical sensor, and a flow sensor.

30-84. (Canceled)

- 85. (New) The appliance according to Claim 1, wherein the metal comprises an organometallic material.
- 86. (New) The appliance according to Claim 85, wherein the organometallic material comprises a multi-metallic material, ethyl magnesium, magnesium ethoxide, and an organometallic complex, or a combination thereof.
- 87. (New) The appliance according Claim 86, wherein the multi-metallic material comprises magnesium aluminum isopropoxide.
- 88. (New) The appliance according to Claim 86, wherein the organometallic complex comprises nickel B-ketonenolate.

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